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For the second year, the School's Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society collaborated with the University City Arts League (UCAL, www.ucartsleague.org) to present the Animal Adventure Camp. For two weeks, beginning July 9, the camp hosted 32 children aged six to 11. The campers learned about different animal-related topics and interacted with many different species. Guest speakers and walking trips complemented animal-centric arts and crafts projects

taught by UCAL faculty. Support for this program, provided by the ASPCA, Banfield Charitable Trust and the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, enabled 16 needs-based full and partial scholarships to be granted to local children from low-income families, and supplied partial support for the program's overall operating expenses. More pictures and details are available at www.vet.upenn.edu/newsandevents/events/2007/artadventurecamp2007.htm. ■



◀ This corn snake was one of more than a dozen reptile species, all former pets surrendered to Forgotten Friend Reptile Sanctuary, which helped campers learn how to properly care for these frequently misunderstood animals.

▶ Razzle, an extroverted cockatoo, traveled to the camp with representatives of the Bailey Foundation, a local exotic bird rescue. Macaws, conures and other cockatoos also attended, and campers found out about life with these sensitive and intelligent birds.



Photos by John Donges, Kathy Kruger and Peter Hanley

▼ Throughout the camp, the children created art in many different media, and a formal art opening at the UCAL displayed their work to the public.



▲ The equine ambassador of **Dr. Lesley King**, professor of critical care, helps teach campers about the rewards and responsibilities of caring for horses and ponies.

▼ The camp culminated in a half-day program at the Matthew J. Ryan Veterinary Hospital, where Penn Vet staff described the variety of fascinating work opportunities that exist in the field of veterinary medicine.

▶ **Dr. Cindy Otto**, associate professor of critical care, coordinated an outdoor demonstration of canine athletics and search-and-rescue dogs, which included presentations by **Dr. Anne Traas**, clinical trial veterinarian, and **Dana Durso**, clinical trial nurse and coordinator, as well as members of the Philadelphia Barking Authority flyball team. Experts explained the extensive training needed to create a canine athlete or a working dog, and how positive reinforcement enhances the working relationship between dogs and handlers.

